Target for global food trade

2294. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that though India is one of the major food producers in the world, it has a negligible 1 per cent share in the global food trade;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has fixed a target of 3 per cent by year 2015; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to achieve the target in global food trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. According to Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Trade Year Book 2003, India's share in global food trade is 0.76%.

(b) Exports being dependent on a host of factors, including external, no targets as such are or can be fixed.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of industries in Andhra Pradesh

2295. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) details of the major industries that have been set up in Andhra Pradesh in the last seven years; and

(b) steps taken by Government to extend financial assistance to major industries which are on the brink of closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) 38 Major Industries have been set up in Andhra Pradesh in the last seven years with an investment of Rs.7936 crore. The main areas of investment are power generation, cement, steel, sugar, bulk drugs, petroleum products, paper, industrial explosives and compressors.

(b) The Government has taken a number of steps for revival of sick industrial units, which include guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India to banks, setting up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction etc.

Capital subsidy to leather industry

2296. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to give capital subsidy to leather industry for modernization of tanneries and down-stream leather units;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to invlolve some technical institutes to assess the quantum of subsidy for each unit on a case to case basis;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) details of subsidy that is proposed to be given to leather units located in Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has launched a comprehensive scheme "Integrated Development of Leather Sector (IDLS)" with an outlay of Rs. 290 crore for modernization and technology up-gradation in all the segments of the leather industry during the Tenth Plan Period. Under this scheme financial assistance to the extent of 30% of cost of plant and machinery for Small Scale Industries (SSI) and 20 % of cost of plant and machinery for other units (non-SSI units) subject to a ceiling of Rs. 50 lakh is provided to individual units. The scheme has become operational *w.e.f.* November 3, 2005.

(c) and (d) Two technical institutes are involved in the implementation of the scheme by providing technical appraisal of the modernization proposals received for seeking Government of India subsidy, namely, Central Leather Research Institute (CLR), Chennai in Tamil Nadu for tannery and Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI), Noida in Uttar Pradesh for leather goods and garments, saddlery, leather footwear and footwear component.